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owned by railroad companies. On the whole, however, an important portion of the commission's recommendations were embodied in legislation.

CLEMENT F. ROBINSON.

Tuberculin Test. The common council of the city of Milwaukee passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of milk except from cows which had been submitted to the tuberculin test. This ordinance was to have gone into effect on March 30, 1909. The day before it was to have become effective an injunction was issued restraining the officials from enforcing it. The case was at once taken into court and in September a decision was rendered sustaining the ordinance. The report of the court commissioner gives the following conclusions arrived at in the case: 1. That bovine tuberculosis is transmissible to man. 2. That there is danger of human beings becoming infected from bovine bacilli in milk from tubercular cows. 3. That the tuberculin test, while not infallible, is a reliable, trustworthy, and useful diagnostic agent for determining the existence or non-existence of tuberculosis in cattle.

LORIAN P. JEFFERSON.

Uniform Accounting. The movement for efficient government through accurate and comparable accounts makes steady progress. Indiana enacted a state wide law at the last session¹ and the state board of accounts has formulated a part of the system to be installed January 1, 1910.

Washington also enacted the uniform accounting system in a law which is a faithful copy of the Ohio law. The bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices is established in the office of the auditor of state. The auditor is the chief of the bureau, as is the case in Ohio, and appoints not more than three deputies. The law applies to all state officers and state institutions and all other public offices. The system of accounts and reports is required to be uniform for every office and account of the same class. No essential differences are to be found in this respect from the Indiana law which was itself modeled on the Ohio law. Four states, Ohio, Indiana, Wyoming and Washington have now adopted a state wide system of uniform accounts. Many others have adopted the system for some offices and all are moving in this direction. A complete uniform system in coöperation with the federal authorities at Washington will do much to promote good government.

¹See *Pol. Sci. Rev.*, May 1909, p. 205.